

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Landing Road Cider

Property Name: Mill Inventory Number: HO-420

Address: 5010/5012/5016 Landing Road City: Elkridge Zip Code: 21075

County: Howard USGS Topographic Map: Savage Quadrangle

Owner: Patapsco Landing LLC

Tax Parcel Number: 243/572 Tax Map Number: 31 Tax Account ID Number: 01-175580/01-174924

Project: Owens Property Agency: Corps of Engineers

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

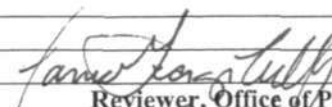
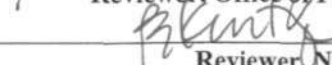
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form HO-420; handout prepared by former owner Tom Owens, "The Historic Cider Mill Farm"; Gabi Parks, "Historic Cider Mill Farm Lures Visitors to Howard County," *The Business Monthly*, October 2001

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

**Summary**

The Owens Property (Landing Road Cider Mill, HO-420) is located at 5010, 5012, and 5016 Landing Road. The property encompasses approximately 59 acres that are surrounded by woods on the southeast, northeast, and northwest. The immediate area is experiencing rapid residential development; new housing communities have been built southeast and south of the property, and a new housing development is under construction adjacent to the property on the southwest. The Owens Property is vacant, but horses are currently penned in small pastures on the south side of property.

The property currently contains twenty-two buildings concentrated in four functional areas: the cider mill complex, the main house complex, the house no. 2 complex, and the petting zoo. The cider mill complex includes a ca. 1916 cider mill, a ca. 1916 storage building, and a ca. 1916 tenant house. The main house complex contains the ca. 1915 house, a ca. 1915 garage, a ca. 1985 well house, and a ca. 1915 swimming pool. The house no. 2 complex includes a ca. 1940s house and garage. The ca. 1985 petting zoo complex includes a concession, three aviary buildings, and nine animal pens. A ca. 1920s utility building is located near Landing Road.

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| Comments: _____  |  |
| _____  |  |
| <br>Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services | <u>2/18/04</u><br>Date   |
| <br>Reviewer, NR program                      | <u>3/1/04</u><br>Date  |

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Cider Mill Complex

The **cider mill** is located off a short driveway leading from the southwest side of Landing Road. The cider mill, built ca. 1916, faces southwest towards an asphalt parking lot. The cider mill is one-story, wood-frame building comprising five, single-pile, structural bays. The side gable-roofed building includes a full-width front addition and a three-quarter-width rear addition. The southeast end bay of the principal block originally rested on concrete piers. The piers were infilled with concrete block ca. 1960 and a concrete slab floor was added ca. 1990. The four remaining bays rest on a poured concrete slab.

Original beaded board siding remains on the northwest side elevation and on portions of the rear elevation. The wood framing of the southeast elevation and large sections of the rear elevation were replaced ca. 2000 and are clad with T1-11 or vertical board siding. The rear elevation has two window openings, a double wood door, and a sliding wood door that opens onto a service drive and a loading dock. The northwest elevation retains a five-panel wood door and two window openings with simple wood surrounds.

The front addition was constructed ca. 1970. The wood-frame addition was integrated into the principal block and has a shed roof. The west and south corners are clad with T1-11 and board-and-batten siding, respectively. A ribbon of seven, six-light, wood-frame windows spans the middle three structural bays. The ribbon of windows intersects two single wood doors and one double wood door. The south corner of the addition has three casement windows on the front (southwest) and southeast elevations.

The two-story rear addition was constructed ca. 1995 and is structurally independent of the principal block. The front-facing gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and covers two bays with stone floors, a concrete slab landing platform, and a majority of the loading dock. The bays above the stone floor are defined by concrete-block walls, which support the pre-cast concrete floor of the second story. The wood-frame second floor walls and the gable ends are clad with T1-11 siding. The rear elevation is open.

All equipment related to cider manufacture has been removed with the exception of three refrigerated vats. No interior buildouts survive to document the industrial process. The building is in fair condition. Much of the structure has been replaced over time with new materials. The roof is failing as evidenced by holes in the cladding and windows are broken.

The **storage building** is located across the asphalt parking lot from the cider mill and faces northeast. The one-story, rectangular, wood-frame building was constructed ca. 1916 and rests on a concrete-block foundation with a skim coat of concrete. The walls are clad in board-and-batten and replacement T1-11 siding. The front-facing gable roof is sheathed with composition roll roofing. The front elevation has three louvered openings. The windows are on the side elevations and are fixed, six-light, wood-sash units with simple wood surrounds. The building has central double wood doors on the front and rear elevations. The rear doors were replaced with a sliding door. A small, ca. 1916, concrete-block workshop is appended to the southeast side elevation at the front of the building. The building has a shed roof and an off-center door opening. A ca. 1995, open, gable-roof, material shed is found in front of the building. Round and square wood posts support the roof. The building is in fair condition. Much of the wood framing and exterior siding has been replaced. The roof is failing.

A 1916, wood-frame **workers' house** is located adjacent to the storage building next to the parking lot. The one-and-one-half-story, front-gable house faces southeast and includes a one-story, side-gable addition on the northeast elevation. The square principal block and the rectangular addition rest on a concrete-block basement and concrete-block piers, respectively. The walls are clad with wood shingles and the roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. A chimney is located in front of the addition's roof ridge. The windows are fixed, six-over-six-light, wood-sash units. Large, fixed, one-over-one-light, wood-sash windows were installed in the north corner of the addition ca. 1985. The principal block has central front and rear doors, and the addition has an off-center rear entrance. The wood doors have four panels. The principal block and the addition have single cells. The interior of the principal block is unfinished; the structural system is exposed. The building is in poor condition. Doors, windows, and the basement stairs are missing, the foundation is collapsing, portions of the floor are missing, and the siding is rotting.

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Main House Complex

The **main house** complex, located at 5010 Landing Road, is sited at the top of a hill and surrounded on the sides and rear by wooded areas. The yard is overgrown and includes scattered trees and shrubs. An asphalt driveway leads to the complex, which includes a dwelling, a garage, a well house, a small metal shed, and a swimming pool. A vertical wood fence partially encloses the rear and northeast portion of the complex.

The main house was constructed ca. 1915 and incorporates features of the early twentieth century Craftsman style. The wood-frame, one-and-one-half-story house faces southeast and occupies a rectangular footprint. A full basement with rubble-stone walls supports the house. The original front porch has been enclosed. The exterior walls of the house and porch are clad with eight-to-ten-inch horizontal wood siding. The gable roof is sheathed in standing-seam metal. An interior brick chimney rises on the southwest end of the roof ridge, and a metal smokestack rises on the northeast end of the porch roof. Shed dormers are located on the front and rear elevations of the house. The front dormer features three groupings of storm windows; the original casement windows have been removed. The center grouping has four windows, and the two side groupings have three windows each. The rear dormer features casement windows. A set of four occupies the center, and a single casement window flanks the center grouping on each side. Rafters are exposed on the eaves of the dormers, the enclosed front porch, and the rear elevation. The side elevations have plain eave boards and brackets.

A single, centered front door is located on the enclosed front porch. This wood door has a single light in the top half. The enclosed front porch has a brick and concrete foundation, a flagstone floor, and a shed roof. The porch contains a series of picture windows on each side of the front door. Various arrangements of wood-frame, nine-light and twelve-light, casement windows and wood-frame, six-over-six-light, double-hung sash windows occur on the remaining elevations of the house. The rear elevation features a wood door with eight lights and a bay window consisting of six, wood-frame, twelve-light, casement windows.

The interior of the house features narrow wood floorboards and plaster walls on the first and second stories. A rebuilt brick-veneer fireplace with a wood stove is located in the living room. (See attached floor plan.) The house is in fair condition. Exterior paint is deteriorating on the wall siding, eaves, and window frames. Deteriorated wood was noted on some of the wall siding, as well as on the front and rear doors. The metal roof is rusting and discolored.

The **garage**, constructed ca. 1915, is located west of the house. The wood-frame, one-story building faces southeast and occupies a square footprint. The garage rests on a concrete-block foundation. Exterior walls are clad with drop wood siding. The shed roof is sheathed in tarpaper and corrugated metal. Rafters are exposed. An awning sheathed in asphalt shingles extends along the front elevation, which remains open with no doors. The building features wood-frame, twelve-light casement windows. The garage is in poor condition, and the roof is failing.

The **well house**, constructed ca. 1985, is located northwest of the house and northeast of the garage. The wood-frame, one-story building faces southwest and occupies a rectangular footprint. The well house rests on a concrete-block foundation. Exterior walls are clad with vertical T1-11 siding. The shed roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The building has a single, off-center door on the front elevation and no windows. The interior walls are partially insulated. The well house is in fair condition. A large tree has fallen on it.

The **swimming pool**, constructed ca. 1915, is located east of the house. The concrete-block pool has a depth of approximately eight feet. Mounting blocks for a diving board are located on the northwest end. A concrete patio and a wire fence with plastic-coated mesh surround the pool.

House No. 2 Complex

**House No. 2**, constructed ca. 1940s, is located at 5016 Landing Road. The dwelling occupies a slight elevation at the end of a gravel driveway. The house is surrounded by an unkempt yard with a hedge and a row of white pines on the northwest side. A garage is located behind the house. The wood-frame, one-and-one-half-story, three-bay house faces northeast and occupies a

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rectangular footprint. The building rests on a rusticated concrete-block foundation. Exterior walls are clad with aluminum siding. The gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. An exterior brick gable-end chimney rises from a rusticated concrete-block base on the northwest elevation. Two gabled dormers clad with aluminum siding are located on the rear elevation. Each dormer contains a wood-frame, six-over-six-light, double-hung sash window. Similar windows are located on all elevations of the house, with the exception of three replacement windows and one louvered glass window. A single wood door with nine lights is centered on the front elevation. The one-bay front porch has a front-facing gable roof clad with aluminum siding and supported by wood posts. The porch has a rusticated concrete-block foundation, cement steps and floor, and a beaded-board ceiling. A six-panel metal door is located on the northwest elevation. This side door is sheltered by a concrete porch with a gable roof supported by wood posts. The house is in good condition. The aluminum siding is discolored in some locations.

The **garage**, constructed ca. 1940s, is a wood-frame, one-story building that faces southeast and occupies a rectangular footprint. The building rests on a concrete-block foundation and has a concrete floor. Exterior walls are clad with vinyl siding and asbestos shingles. The irregular gable roof is sheathed in composition roll roofing. The front elevation remains open, and no doors are present. A wood door is located in the southwest elevation. The building has window openings, but windows are gone. The garage is in poor condition. The concrete-block foundation is cracked. Moss and mold grow on the foundation and walls. The building leans to one side and the roof is collapsing.

#### Petting Zoo

The **petting zoo**, constructed ca. 1985, is a collection of wood-frame buildings arranged in a flat field at the bottom of the slope from the main house. The buildings stand in a circular layout, facing center. A wood-rail fence encloses half the perimeter. The petting farm includes a concession building, three aviaries, six walled animal pens, and one open animal pen. Buildings are either square or rectangular, and some have a poured-concrete floor. The concession building faces southwest, is clad with vertical T1-11 siding, and has a front-facing gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The front elevation features a single central door and a wood-frame, six-over-six-light, double-hung sash window. Concession window openings are located on the front and side elevations. The aviaries have wire mesh wrapped around their wood frames. The walled animal pens are clad with vertical T1-11 siding. Their shed roofs are sheathed in composition roll roofing and feature front wood awnings. The central open animal pen consists of a concrete slab enclosed by a wood-rail fence. The petting zoo buildings are in fair condition.

Two animal pens for horses are located west of the petting zoo. These wood-frame buildings are clad with vertical T1-11 siding and have shallow shed roofs. The larger pen, constructed ca. late 1980s, is a three-bay building with metal roof sheathing. The smaller pen, constructed ca. late 1990s, is a two-bay building with a front wood awning and composition roll roofing. Each pen is adjacent to a horse pasture enclosed by a split-rail fence. The pens are in fair condition.

A **utility building**, constructed ca. 1920s, is located on the east side of the Owens Property, close to Landing Road. The wood-frame, one-story building faces southwest and occupies a rectangular footprint. The building rests on a concrete-block foundation. Exterior walls are clad with drop wood siding. The front-facing gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A single plywood door is centered on the front elevation. A wood-frame window is located on the east elevation. The utility building is in fair condition.

#### Analysis

The buildings, structures, and landscape associated with the Owens property were evaluated individually and collectively applying National Register criteria for evaluation (36 CFR 60[a-d]). Archival and site data for the complex were analyzed to assess the potential local, state, and/or national significance of the complex and its components within the periods of Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930) and the Modern Period (1930-Present) in the areas of architecture, industry, and agriculture.

Historical research and site investigation revealed that the Owens Property was historically developed as a commercial orchard and cider mill, which operated from 1916 to ca. 2001. The property, known as the Landing Road Cider Mill, incorporated the 22 extant buildings and structures concentrated in four functional areas defined by industrial, residential, and zoo uses. The property therefore is most appropriately evaluated as a district.



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*The Landing Road Cider Mill* (HO-420) was identified as potentially significant on state and local level for its associations with agriculture, industry, and architecture in an undated Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey on file with the Maryland Historical Trust. The character-defining features of the property have undergone changes since the Inventory Form was prepared.

The integrity of the complex, as a whole, has been compromised by alterations to the buildings, removal of the evidence of cider processing, and the elimination of the apple orchards. The agricultural landscape was altered substantially with the removal of the orchard and the construction of the petting zoo in the 1980s. The creation of the orchard predated the cider mill; processing apples grown on-site was major factor in its construction.

Physical evidence documenting the cider-making process was eliminated with the removal of the majority of the equipment and fixtures from the cider mill. Three refrigerated vats survive. In addition, the building housing the cider mill was heavily altered between 1970 and the present and has been vandalized over the last two years. The primary support building for the cider mill was the storage building. In the storage building, much of the framing, roof, and siding have been replaced

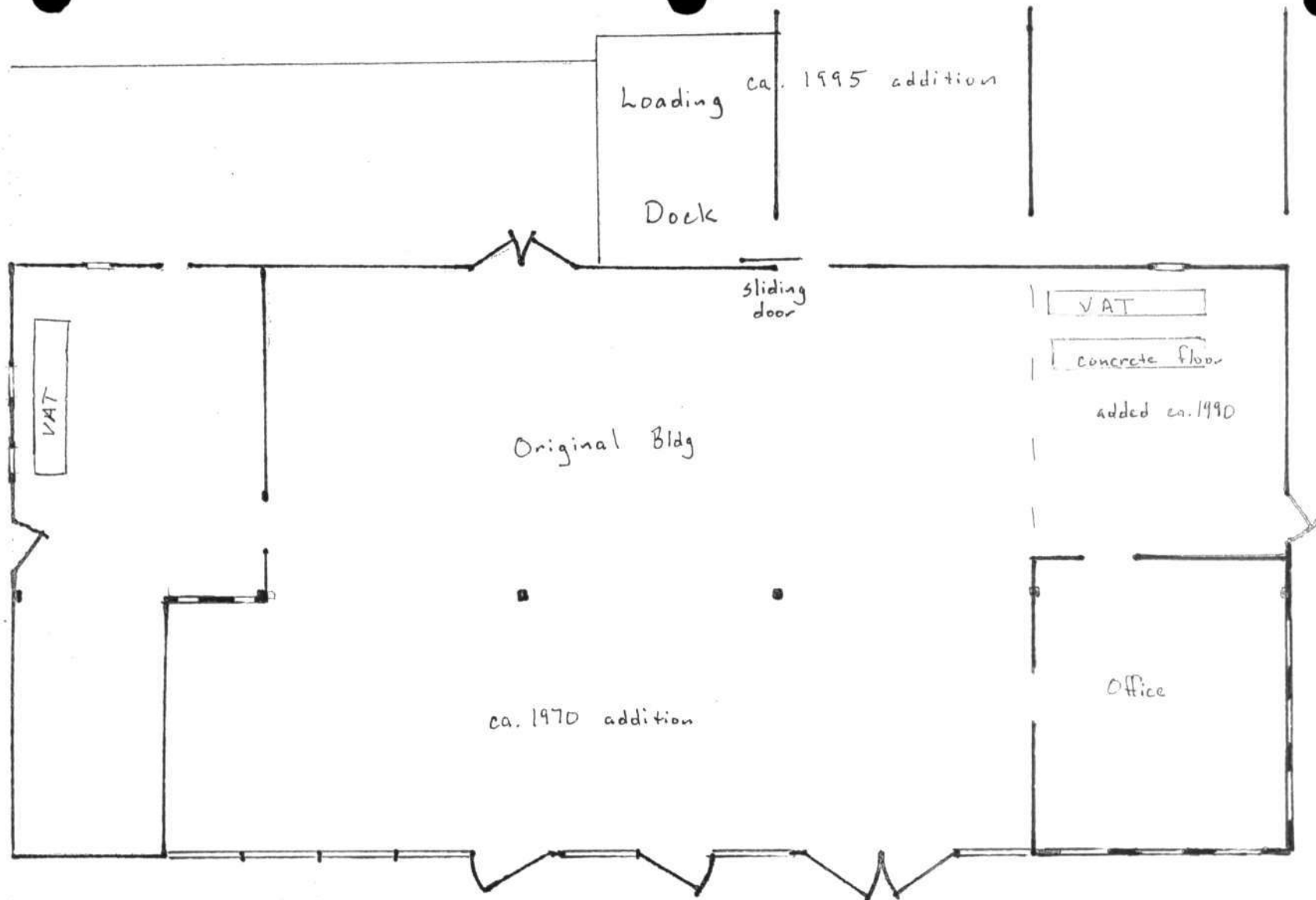
The main house and the house no. 2 complexes were constructed as residential complexes associated with the orchard. While these houses retain their overall integrity, the building complexes are examples of modest dwellings constructed during the first half of the twentieth century. These buildings do not embody the distinctive characteristics of type, period, or method of construction, nor are they the work of a master, or possess high artistic values. Research does not suggest that the buildings possess associations with historical events, patterns of history, or important historical personages. The petting zoo is less than 50 years old and does not possess the exceptional significance or integrity necessary for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Due to the removal of the orchard, evidence of the industrial process associated with cider making, and cumulative changes to the buildings and structures over time, the Owens Property currently does not represent a significant and distinguishable entity associated with a twentieth century commercial orchard (Criterion D). In addition, research and site investigation do not suggest that the individual buildings and structures possess the significance and integrity necessary of individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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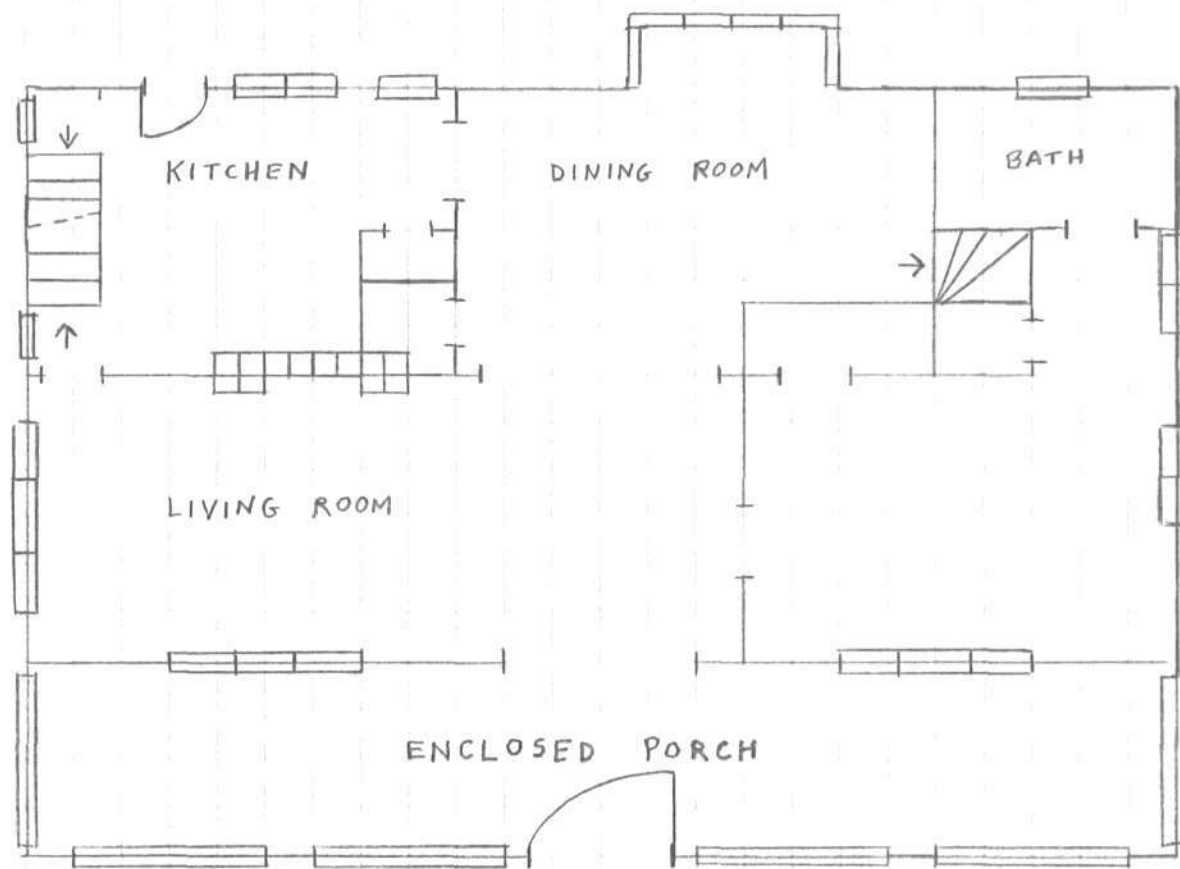
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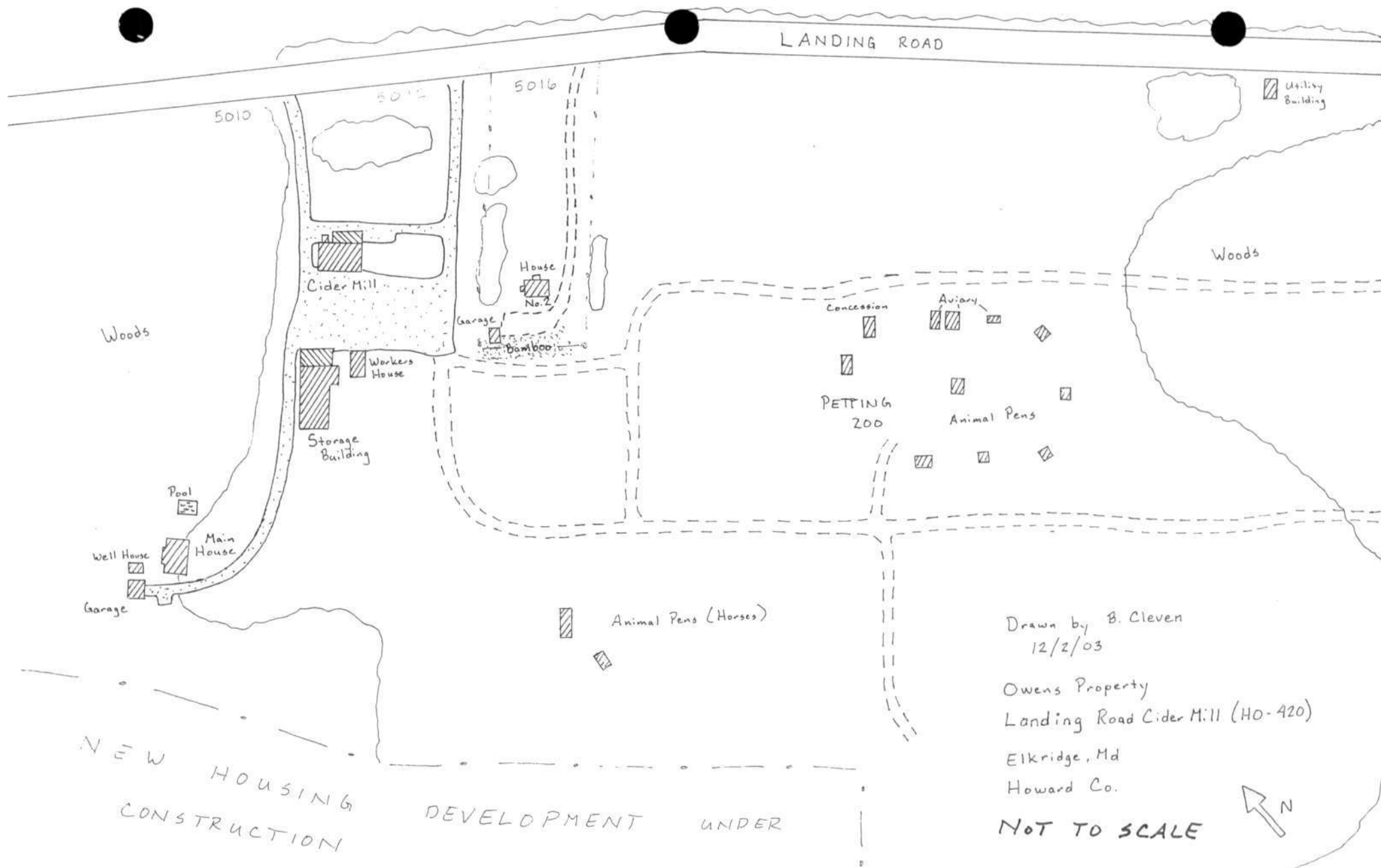
Landing Road Cider Mill (HO-420)  
Drawn by B. Clevin  
12/2/03



Main House  
First Floor  
Not to scale

Drawn by Kathryn G. Smith  
12/3/2003

Owens Property  
Landing Road Cider Mill (HO-420)  
Elkridge, MD  
Howard Co.





Owens Property  
Landing Road Cider Mill

SAVAGE QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NE 1/4 LAUREL 15' QUADRANGLE

ARMY

15

29

4

345

47°30'

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347 2.4 MI TO U.S. 40

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870 000 FEET

76°





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Neg: MD SHPO

Cider Mill, view N

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Cider Mill, view S

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Neg: MD SHPO

Cider Mill, view W

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Cider Mill interior, view E

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Neg: MD SHPo

Cider Mill interior, view N

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Neg: MD SHPO

Cider Mill interior, view N

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Owens Property, Landing Road Cider Mill

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Neg: MD SHPo

Storage Building, view SW

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Storage Building, view E

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Owens Property/Landing Road Cedar Mill

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Neg. MD SHPO.

Workers House, view N

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Neg: MD SHPO

Workers House, view S

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Main House, view N

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Main House, view SE

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Main House, view SW

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Main House Garage, view N

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Main House Garage, view S

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Main House Well House, view W

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Neg: MD SHPO

Main House Well House, view S

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Neg: MD SHPO

Main House Swimming Pool, view E

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Neg: MD SHPO

House No. 2, view W

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House No. 2, view E

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House No. 2 Garage, view W

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Neg: MD SHPO

Petting Zoo, view SE

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Neg: MD SHPO

Animal Pens (Horses), view W

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Utility Building, view N

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Landing Road Cider Mill

Elkridge

Private

1916

The Landing Road Cider Mill faces west on the west side of Landing Road, just south of its intersection with Ilchester Road. It is a fourteen bay wide, one room deep, one story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame building, with a one story high, shed roofed, frame addition, running along its west elevation. The west elevation of this frame addition holds seven large, six light windows, with two large, rectangular, six light, double entrance doors taking up its sixth and seventh north bays and its fifth and sixth south bays. Three nine light, horizontal rectangular windows take up the first three south bays of this west wall, which are used for office space.

The cider mill works are located in a small room in the north-eastern corner of this building. The apples enter the mill to a slide, from a large apple bin, on top of a tall frame tower on the north end of the building's east wall. This slide brings them to an apple wash and thence to a conveyor belt and large blender, which creates the apple pumice, from which the cider is formed after placing beneath the apple press.

Visual aids have been installed by Mr. Owens, the manager, to help children and adults who visit the cider mill better understand the process.



## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO - 420  
Savage Quad.  
Dist. 1

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY MAGI#1404205714

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Landing Road Cider Mill

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

5012 Landing Road

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER Cider Mill

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Elsie M. Owens

Telephone #: (301) 788-9595

STREET &amp; NUMBER

5012 Landing Road

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge,

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records

Liber #: 525

Folio #: 22

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**HO - 420  
Savage Quad  
District 1**CONDITION**☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Landing Road Cider Mill is located on the west side of Landing Road, just south of its intersection with Ilchester Road. Its principal building faces west and is a fourteen bay wide, one room deep, one story high, gable roof (running North-south), frame building, with a one story high, shed roofed, frame addition, running along its west elevation. The west elevation of this frame addition holds seven large, six light windows, with two large, rectangular, six light, double entrance doors taking up its sixth and seventh north bays and its fifth and sixth south bays. Three nine light, horizontal rectangular windows take up the first three south bays of this west wall.

Four light rectangular, casement windows are located on the building's east elevation, which features a one story high, shed roof, open porch, supported by square posts. A central batten wood door is located in this elevation, flanked by small, three light, rectangular, casement windows. A large double, one-one light casement window rests north of this and a double three-three light casement window south.

A tall frame tower, located on the north-east corner of the east wall holds the large container for the apples, which then enter the building through an opening and slide.

The north elevation of the Cider Mill holds a rectangular, frame door in its west bay and two six light, first floor, rectangular windows east of this door.

The apples enter the mill from the apple bin, located in the tall frame tower on the north end of the building's east wall. They enter a slide which brings them to a wash tub, from which they enter a conveyer belt which rises to a large blender vat from which a hose sends out the apple pumice to the three stacks located on the other side of the wall of the mill works. Mr. Owens has constructed special visual aids so that those adults and children, who visit the Cider Mill can better understand the process.

After the 12-13 packets of apple pumice are filled and leveled off with a board, a cloth is folded over in such a way that it contains the ground up apple pumice and is covered by a heavy oak board. Twelve to thirteen levels of these are placed under the apple press, which then uses a power of some 3,000 pounds pressure per square inch to crush the pumice and produce the cider, which then flows through to a holding tray, thence to a hose and on to a large refrigerator. Originally the apples were crushed above a vat and went through a sieve. Now they are crushed

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in a small northeast corner room and transferred through pipes to the vats in the main room.

School children, Scout groups and numerous other visitors enjoy watching this process and receiving free samples of the cider produced, which contains no additives or preservatives.

The small mill works is located at the north end of the building, with a small office located on the south end. The interior is simple, revealing the buildings construction and holding large serving tables for floral displays as well as apples and cider.

West of this main building, incorporating the Cider Mill works, office and sales store, lie auxiliary frame sheds and buildings.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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SPECIFIC DATES      1916

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Landing Road Cider Mill is significant in the area of Agriculture, industry and the architecture of farm buildings and sheds for Howard County and the State of Maryland.

Agriculturally, it is important to Howard County and the State of Maryland for its surrounding apple orchards, which furnish apples for the cider mill. Due to the cider mill works, plans for the expansion and increase of their apple production is continual. The location of this mill and their orchards, as well as Sewell's apple orchards in Oakland Mills is important not only to the citizens of Howard County, but those of surrounding states and counties as well.

Industrially, the mill 1) produces cider with no additives or preservatives and 2) offers an opportunity for visitors to the cider mill to view the process. A continual flow of visitors, including groups of school children, scout troops and other civic organizations, tour the cider mill, viewing, through the use of visual aids, the process of how cider is made.

Architecturally, this large shed is an example of the crude but solid construction of a large farm shed, housing office, mill and sales store. The work which goes on in the building is more important than the building itself. Without, however, the shelter afforded by the simple gabled roof frame shed, featuring vertical siding and a row of west windows which flood the space with light, that work would not go on. It is, therefore, important as an example of a simple, crude frame shed, used to house a cider mill.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Howard County Land Records

Interview with Matthew Neels, Grandson of Brittain Green who worked here, November 7, 1979.

Interview with Kathy Kolosky, Home Economist at Landing Road Cider Mill, November 7, 1979. Interview with Mr. Owens, Manager of Landing Road

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Cider Mill.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 58.44 Acres

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 525 Folio 22

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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COUNTY Howard

STATE

COUNTY

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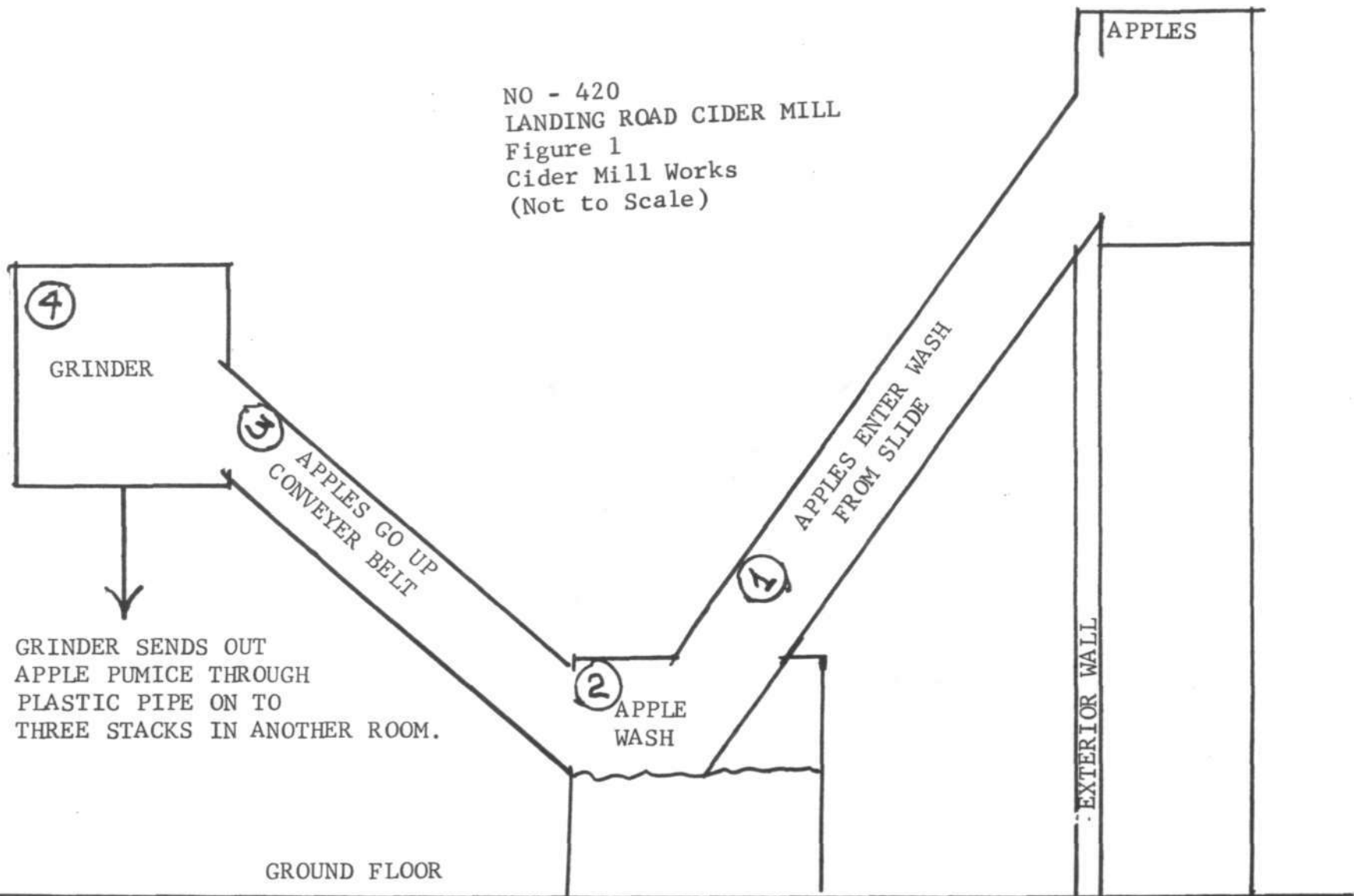
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LANDING ROAD CIDER MILL  
Figure 1  
Cider Mill Works  
(Not to Scale)



(5) 12-13 packets of apple pumice are filled and leveled off with a board - Heavy clothe folded around apple pumice and 12-13 packets placed under press - Each are covered by Heavy Oak Board

(6) Apples are pressed under 3,000 lbs. pressure per square inch.

7. Cider then flows through to holding tray, through a hose to a large refrigerator in back.



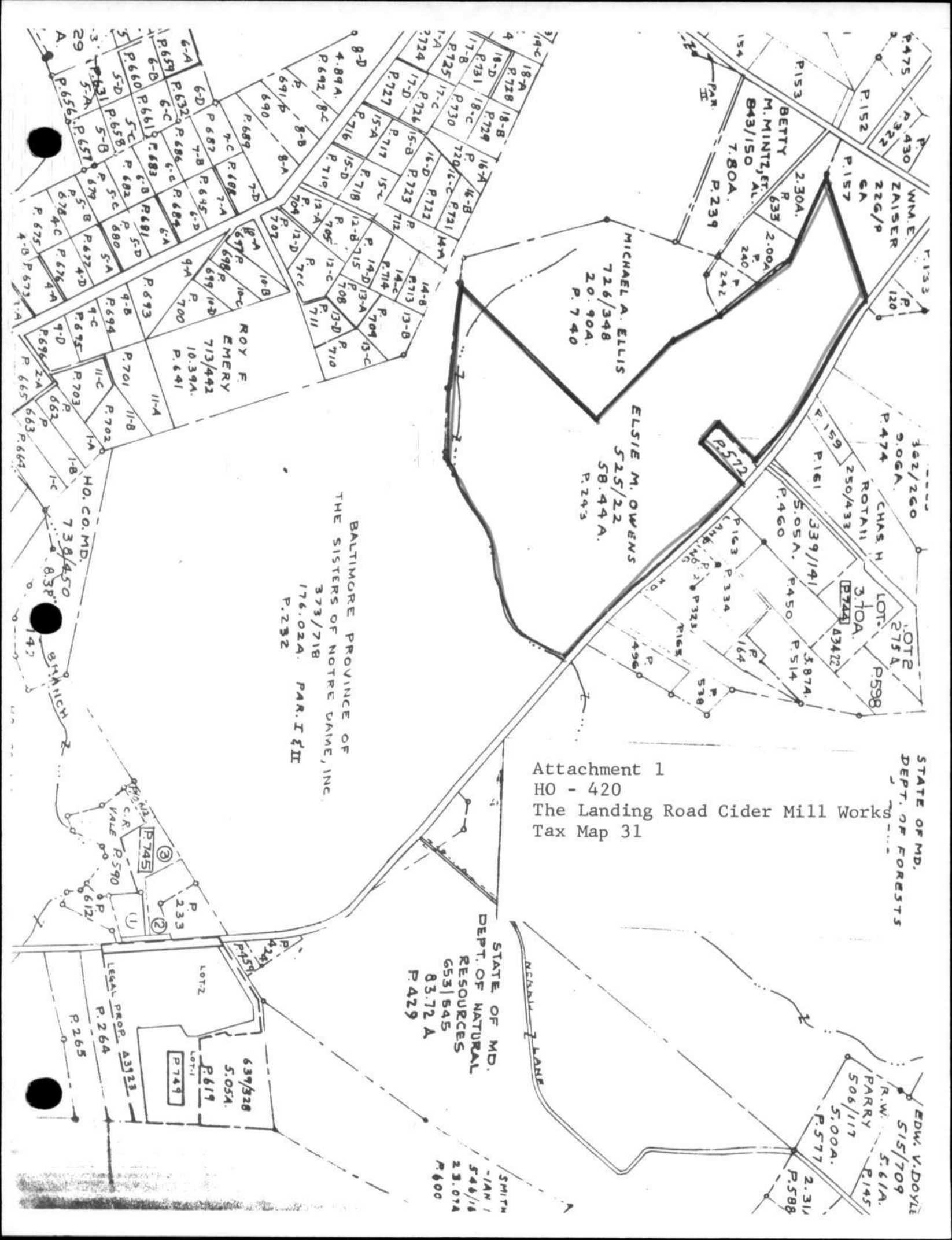
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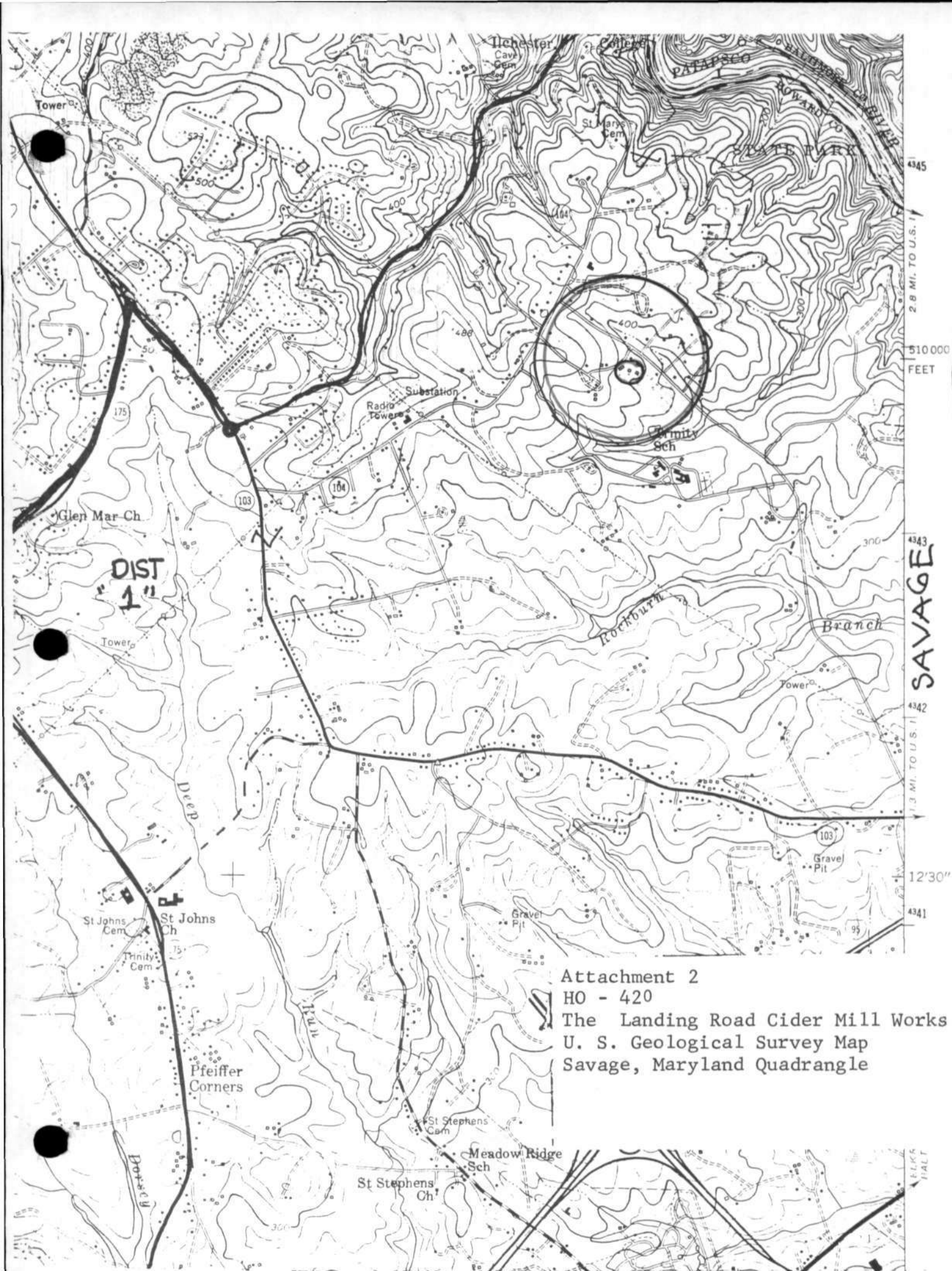
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The Landing Road Cider Mill Works  
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Attachment 2

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The Landing Road Cider Mill Works  
U. S. Geological Survey Map  
Savage, Maryland Quadrangle





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LANDING ROAD CIPER MILL  
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